REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the

following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 7 and 13 are amended

by the present amendment.

Claim amendments find support in the application as originally filed, thus, no new

matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

as unpatentable over Fairman et al. (WO/29686 A1, herein "Fairman") in view of Polcyn

(U.S. Pat. No. 6,978,006).

Initially, applicant and applicant's representative wish to thank Examiner Safaipour

and Examiner Orgad for the interview granted applicant's representative on April 11, 2007.

During the interview applicant's representative pointed out distinctions between the present

claims and the applied Fairman reference. The present response sets forth the discussed

differences.

Addressing now the rejection of Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable

over Fairman and Polcyn, that rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 1 recites, in part,

> transmitting a first resource management instruction, comprising a module identification identifying the resource module, to a resource management centre;
> transmitting a second resource management instruction from the resource management centre via an external communication network to the resource module identified through the module identification;
> making ready or releasing resources, in accordance with the received second resource management instruction, through a resource control mechanism in the identified resource module;
> transmitting a resource management confirmation from the identified resource module via the communication network to the resource management centre; and

> storing information in the resource management centre about the resources made ready or released, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 7 recites a system claim including analogous features and Claim 13 recites the resource management centre with analogous features.

Fairman describes a method for managing resources on electronic devices where each electronic device includes a cantaloupe manager and cantaloupes. The cantaloupes are each associated with a process and indicate the resource requirements of the process. Prior to agreeing to donate resources to a requesting device the cantaloupe manager of the donating device determines the resources required for the request using the cantaloupes and grants or denies the request based on what resources are available in the donating device.

However, as discussed in the interview, Fairman does not describe or suggest transmitting a second resource management instruction from the resource management centre via an external communication network to the resource module identified through the module identification.

In other words, the outstanding Office Action notes on page 3 that the cantaloupe manager of Fairman is read as equivalent to the resource management centre of Claim 1. However, the cantaloupe manager of Fairman does not transmit a resource management instruction to a resource module identified through a module identification via *an external communication network*. Thus, the resources of the portable resource module are manager through a resource management centre separated from the portable resource module by an external communication network. This feature provides the advantage that security problems arising from software module loaded into the resource module are reduced and unnecessary attempts of loading software applications into the resource module are avoided.[1]

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[1] See present specification, page 2, lines 4-32.

In addition, <u>Fairman</u> does not describe or suggest transmitting a resource management instruction which includes a module identification. In contrast, <u>Fairman</u> describes that the cantaloupe manger in each electronic device receives a request for device resources and determines on the basis of the information found in the cantaloupes (without any external information, particularly without any identification of a portable resource module) which recourses need to be allocated for the devices resources to be given to the requesting device.
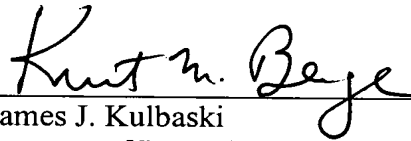
Further, the cited <u>Polcyn</u> reference does not cure the above noted deficiencies of <u>Fairman</u>.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that for at least the above noted reasons Claim 1 and similarly Claims 7 and 13 and claims depending therefrom patentably distinguish over <u>Fairman</u> and <u>Polcyn</u> considered individually or in combination.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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